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Re: FY 2004/05 to 2005/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program; SCAG Highway and Transit
FSTIP Amendment # 17

Attention: Rachel Falsetti, Transportation Programming, MS-82

Dear Mr. Kempton:

We have completed our review of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) 2004/05 to 2004/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment #17, as requested by your letter of February 9, 2006.

We find SCAG's FTIP Amendment #17 was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23USC 134 & 135, 49 USC 5303-5305, and 23CFR450. California Department of Transportation assures this amendment has met the financial constraint requirements included in our transportation planning regulations, i.e. 23 CFR 450.324(e).

As required by 40 CFR parts 51 and 93, the RTIP, as amended, is found to conform to the applicable SIP in accordance with Sections 174 and 176 (c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act as amended by 942 USC 7504, 7506(c) and (d). Per 40 CFR 93.122(g), the conformity determination relied on the previous regional emissions analysis. Moreover, this amendment has been coordinated with the Regional Offices of the Environmental Protection Agency. Furthermore, FHWA can only approve the National Policy Act documents for projects after the project, as constructed, is included in the financially constrained RTP and the Regional Emissions Analysis.

This letter constitutes approval of Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) Amendment #17. The SCAG FTIP Amendment #17 is approved and included into California's 2004/05-06/07 FSTIP, with the understanding the eligibility of individual projects is subject to the applicant's satisfaction of all FTA and FHWA administrative requirements.

This approval is based on the California Department of Transportation's assurance the funding for this amendment does not adversely impact the FSTIP Financial Plan.



If you have any questions regarding this determination, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Grace S. Balmir of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Office at (213) 202-3953 or Mr. Ted Matley of the Federal Transit Administration at (415) 744-2590.

Sincerely,

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Gene K. Fong
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Enclosure

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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter, and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following amendment of the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) 2004/05 - 2009/10 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
17	State, Local and Transit Elements <ul style="list-style-type: none">Modifies or adds various projects from various funding programs in various counties. See enclosure.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 17 for inclusion into California's 2004/05 - 2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP, are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are shown for information only. Please note that approval of this amendment does not constitute eligibility determination for the projects from this amendment that are funded from Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program.

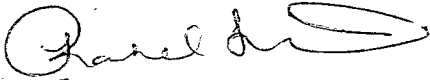
The updated programming is for project types that have been found by SCAG to conform to applicable air quality regulations. Therefore, this FTIP amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. SCAG prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

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Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

c: Karina O'Connor - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
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